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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jon Carl Marlowe et al.
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An Assay Ready Biological Sample**
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on May 31, 2006. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with a List of References Cited and a copy of reference B1. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013, ref: 9301-232-999 (301891-999224), for the appropriate amount.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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